



## H.Res. 971 – Expressing the sympathies and support of the House of Representatives for the individuals and institutions affected by the powerful tornados that struck communities in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee on February 5th, 2008

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 971 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bart Gordon (D-TN) on February 5, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 12, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Res. 971 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on February 13, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 971 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its deepest sympathies to the citizens of the States hit by the storms over the devastation caused by the powerful tornados that struck their communities on February 5th, 2008;
- Expresses its appreciation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, first responders, and the others involved in the relief effort for their valiant service to those affected by the storms; and
- Expresses its support as the citizens of these communities continue their efforts to rebuild their community and their lives.

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### BACKGROUND

On Tuesday, February 5th, 2008, more than 50 people lost their lives when over 100 tornados went through communities in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The tornados destroyed more than 1,000 homes, schools, and businesses, and left tens of thousands of residents of the Mississippi Valley without power.

People living in the affected areas have been assisted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, first responders, the National Guard, and additional emergency personnel through their coordinated efforts with local authorities and firefighters.

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